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While the New London County Historical Society regrets the loss of Dwight Lyman as president, it congratulates him on being chosen president of the Connecticut Historical Society. Mr. Lyman gave thirteen years of conscientious, intelligent and profitable leadership to our local organization. It is for all of us to make sure that what he turned over to us continues to flourish, and for us to take advantage of the fine foundation he gave us as a legacy.

One of the important services that our society is fulfilling is the furnishing of books and manuscripts to students engaged in research. Mrs. Knox, with her knowledge of the material available at the Shaw Mansion, is of great assistance to those delving for information regarding persons and events of the past.

In order that our membership may be made more aware of this important service, it has been requested that a memorandum be kept of those coming for research, and the area in which they are interested.

The cataloging now in process is going to be of great importance by detailing what we have available, and just where it can be found.

This work is being done by Miss Wells and Mrs. Knox and in accordance with nationally recognized procedure.

Some time ago, a movie owned by us was taken by Robert Hyde to New York in order to have it reprinted and made flame proof as required by Connecticut law. George Garvey was commissioned to go to New York, inspect the work, and bring the film back.

The film is now in fine condition, and has been shown in an effort to identify some persons not named in the sub-titles. The subjects depicted are the Liberty Bond Parade that took place in New London in 1918, and the celebration in 1924 of the return visit of Lafayette to this country in 1824. Much of the pageantry takes place at the Shaw Mansion.

As a result of the good photography and the recent renovation, we now have a fine memento of those events.

A tape recording to accompany the showing of the film is being considered.

The melodeon, which was out of order, has been restored to working condition.

We are happy to announce that Ledyard now has an historical society, and that one is being formed in Groton. Congratulations to both groups. It is encouraging to find more people interested in our heritage and its preservation.

Some weeks ago, a conference was arranged including Miss Johnson, representing the Connecticut College Library, Mr. Mayhew, representing the Lyman Allyn Museum, and Mr. Small, representing our Historical Society.
This was for the purpose of finding out in what areas each organization was interested in order that duplication in acquisitions might be avoided. It was felt that the discussion led to a very useful clarification.

It should be noted that Mr. Lyman is still very interested in the local Society, and has kindly consented to continue his liaison with Mr. Odell Shepard as he writes his history of New London for us.

As a result of obtaining the services of two men through the State Employment Office, and the loan of a truck by Nelson's Service Center, Mr. Menerey, our caretaker, was able to remove several truck-loads of trash from the basement room and the cellar of the Mansion.

We would like to add to our membership people who are interested in our goals and who would bring talents that the Historical Society could well make use of. If you have such individuals in mind, it would be greatly appreciated if you would contact Mr. Oscar Seaholm, Membership Chairman, or Mrs. Adam Knox, our Secretary and Curator.

We are planning an Open House at the Shaw Mansion on Washington's Birthday, February 22nd, from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M. Each room will be occupied by one or two hostesses, and tea will be served in the dining room.

A rug 11 x 15 feet is needed to replace the old one now in the dining room. Also, because of the many inquiries received by the office, more books on genealogy would be of great help.

A book entitled "A Narrative History of Groton, Connecticut" has been added to our library through the kindness of Mr. Philip J. Nahas of Groton. The author is Carol W. Kimball.

Another manuscript has been added to our collection by purchase. This contains the minutes of the First School Society in Montville from 1796 to 1855.

The "Bulletin," which was last issued in September 1962, is being revived at this time as it is considered desirable to acquaint the members with what is being done, what gifts and purchases are being acquired, what the needs of the Society are, and any plans projected. Members are encouraged to submit suggestions and items of interest.

For Your Information - The Society's telephone number is 443-1209.

The Mansion is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 1 to 4.

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